

News Release
 Herseth Sandlin, U.S. Representative for South Dakota's 1st Congressional District

HERSETH SANDLIN SUPPORTS BIPARTISAN CHILDREN’S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

Urges President to Sign Bill to Cover Thousands of Uninsured South Dakota Children

September 25, 2007, Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Stephan

SCHIP provides health coverage to American children whose parents do not qualify for Medicaid.

Though estimates vary, in South Dakota alone the funding provided through this bill would cover

Rep. Herseth Sandlin said, “Covering more kids with adequate health insurance is a top priority for me.

In July, Rep. Herseth Sandlin convened a panel of South Dakota health care experts to discuss

Some of the improvements to SCHIP contained within the reauthorization include:

- **Reauthorizes and Strengthens SCHIP.** The bill reauthorizes SCHIP through 2012.
- **Ensures health care coverage for more than 10 million American children.**
- **Improves SCHIP benefits -- ensuring dental coverage and mental health services.**
- **Provides states incentives to enroll uninsured low-income children.** The bill provides states with additional funding to help them cover uninsured children.
- **Improves outreach tools to streamline enrollment of eligible children.** The bill improves the process for enrolling children in SCHIP.
- **Improves the quality of health care for low-income children.** The bill establishes a SCHIP Quality Improvement Fund to help states improve the quality of care for SCHIP children.

This strong reauthorization of SCHIP is supported by a broad range of more than 2

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Congresswoman Stephanie Herseth Sandlin serves South Dakota in the U.S. House of Representatives.